| SI. No. | States/UTs. | Demand | Allocation | Lifting to 2000) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | — | — | — |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 56000 | 41800 | 9347 |
| 14. | Manipur | 7800 | 5215 | 56 |
| 15. | Meghalaya | 1000 | 560 | 26 |
| 16. | Mizoram | 600 | 306 | 45 |
| 17. | Nagaland | 4800 | 2940 | 1636 |
| 18. | Orissa | 20000 | 9100 | 956 |
| 19. | Punjab | — | — | — |
| 20. | Rajasthan | — | — | — |
| 21. | Sikkim | 2200 | 1720 | 880 |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 5400 | 3950 | 914 |
| 23. | Tripura | 1100 | 660 | 101 |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | .5000 | 5000 | — |
| 25. | West Bengal | 53000 | 28000 | 4392 |
| 26. | A and N Island | 250 | 177 | — |
| 27. | Chandigarh | — | — | — |
| 28. | D and N Haveli | 960 | 80S | 348 |
| 29. | Daman and Diu | 1850 | 1561 | 430 |
| 30. | Delhi | 5900 | 4950 | 1492 |
| 31. | Lakshadweep | 400 | 334 | 118 |
| 32. | Pondicherry | 11000 | 6800 | 859 |
| | TOTAL. | 337360 | 215133 | 46736 |

**Bufffer stock of foodgrains**

1687. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the recommended buffer stock for wheat, rice and sugar in the

country;

(b) what was the position of buffer stock as at the end of 1999;

(c) whether the stock is sufficient to meet the domestic consumption during the year;

(d) whether Government propose to increase its storing capacity, in view of record production of wheat in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHRIRAM CHAUHAN): (a) The recommended buffer stock for wheat and rice are as under:

*{Figures in lakh tonnes)*

| As on | Wheat | Rice | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st January | 84.00 | 84.00 | 168.00 |
| 1st April | 40.00 | 118.00 | 158.00 |
| 1st July | 143.00 | 100.00 | 243.00 |
| 1st October | 116.00 | 65.00 | 181.00 |

No buffer norms have been fixed for sugar.

(b) As on 1.1.2000 the stocks of wheat and rice in the central pool were 171.70 lakh tonnes and 141.82 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir. The stocks of wheat and rice during 1999-2000 held in central pool remained quite sufficient to meet the requirement of Public Distribution System.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) During the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997—2000), Food Corporation of India (FCI) has proposed to construct 4.55 lakh tonnes capacity at various centers subject to availability of Funds. Out of this, 1.74 lakh tonnes capacity has already been constructed. FCI has also proposed construction of temporary plinths to create more space in its depots—subject to availability and suitability. FCI is also hiring storage space from the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs), private parties, etc. to meet the requirement of space for the ensuing Rabi/Kharif. The CWC proposes to construct an additional capacity of 1.89 lakh MT during 1999-2000 and 2.03 lakh MT during 2000-2001 as per the targets given by the Planning

Commission. Apart from CWC, there are sixteen SWCs operating in sixteen different States of the country. SWCs have proposals to construct storing capacity of 3.285 lakh tonnes and 3.198 lakh tonnes during the years 1999-2000 and 2000- 2001 respectively.

**PDS Quota of Edible Oil for Assam**

1688. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota of edible oil fixed for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 for Assam for distribution through Public Distribution System;

(b) the details of actual release of quota during 1999-2000; and

(c) the details of demand made by Assam Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (c) No quota is fixed by Central Government for Slates/Union Territories with regard to allocation of imported edible oils for supply through the Public Distribution system. Allocation is made on the basis of requests from State Governments. In January, 1999, the Government of Assam had intimated "nil" demand for imported edible oils for the calendar year 1999. Hence, no allocation was made to Assam for that period. In December, 1999, all States/Union Territories, indcluding Assam, were requested to intimate their requirements for the calendar year 2000. No reply has so far been received from the Government of Assam.

**Hasty Deal by Super Bazar, Delhi**

1689. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated 23th February, 2000 under the caption "Why Delhi's Super Bazar hurried to seal a deal in just 12 hours";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into this and other affairs of the Super Bazar, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER